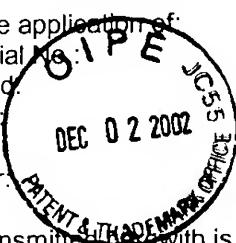


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 Serial No. **10/057,630**
 Filed **January 25, 2002**
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Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-identified application.

Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
 Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
 No fee for additional claims is required.
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[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$140	\$		+ \$280	\$

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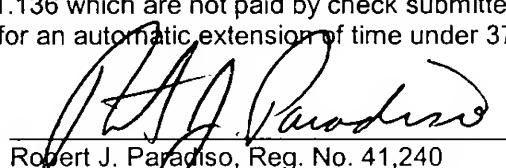
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